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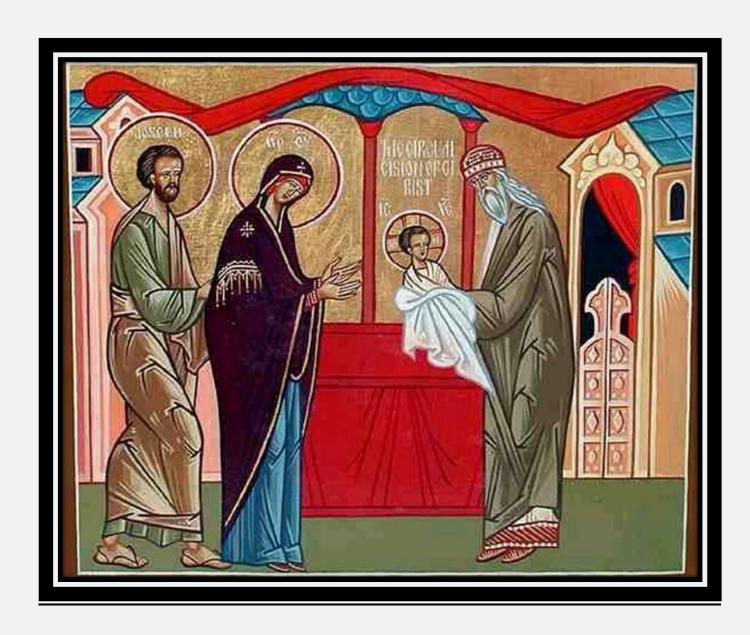
CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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FAMILY SERVICE
FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: 11AM

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THE PREPARATION

INTROIT HYMN: CPWI # 82 O little town of Bethlehem

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

the hopes and fears of all the years

are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and, gathered all above,

while mortals sleep, the angels

keep

their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the

King.

and peace to men on earth.

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

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

our Lord Emmanuel.

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

Leader: Light and Peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord **People**: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins **People:** His mercy endures forever.

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellowmen, so that they may see the good you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven." *Matt.* 5: 14-16.

Prayer for Light: Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Canticle: O Gracious Light BCP, 63

O gracious light, pure brightness of the everlasting Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Reading I: A READING FROM THE WORD OF GOD WRITTEN IN ECCLESIASTES Jamal Pierre-Roberts

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep

silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90 BCP, 587

- 1. Lord, you have been our refuge* from one generation to another.
- 2. Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, * from age to age you are God.
- 3. You turn us back to the dust and say,* "Go back, O child of earth."
- 4. For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past* and like a watch in the night.
- 5. You sweep us away like a dream;* we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6. In the morning it is green and flourishes;* in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7. For we consume away in your displeasure;* we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8. Our iniquities you have set before you,* and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 9. When you are angry, all our days are gone;* we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- 10. The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;* yet the sum of them is but labour and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
- 11. Who regards the power of your wrath?* who rightly fears your indignation?
- 12. So teach us to number our days* that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13. Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?* be gracious to your servants.
- 14. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;* so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15. Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us* and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16. Show your servants your works* and your splendour to their children.
- 17. May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;* prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

Let us pray. (Silence)

In your wisdom, O Lord our God, you have made all things, and have allotted to each of us the days of our life: Grant that we may live in your presence, be guided by your Holy Spirit, and offer all our works to your honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Reading II: A READING FROM THE WORD OF GOD WRITTEN IN 2ND CORINTHIANS

Nailah Peters

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;

that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and

entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal

through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew

no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you

also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day

of salvation I have helped you."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

BCP, 545

Psalm 63: 1-8

1. O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;* my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and

dry land where there is no water.

2. Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,* that I might behold your power and your glory.

3. For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;* my lips shall give you praise.

4. So will I bless you as long as I live* and lift up my hands in your name.

5. My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,* and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

6. When I remember you upon my bed,* and meditate on you in the night watches.

7. For you have been my helper,* and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8. My soul clings to you;* your right hand holds me fast.

Let us pray. (Silence)

Most gracious and merciful God, you have reconciled us to yourself through Jesus Christ your Son, and

called us to new life in him: Grant that we, who begin this year in his Name, may complete it to his honour

and glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

Reading III: A READING FROM THE WORD OF GOD WRITTEN IN REVELATION

Brendon Taylor

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was

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no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death." Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

Reader: The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God.

The Song of the Redeemed

BCP, 53

O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done,* surpassing human understanding. Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth.* O King of all the ages, Who can fail to do you homage, Lord and sing the praises of your Name?* for You only are the Holy One. All nations will draw near and fall down before you,* because your just and holy works have been revealed. Glory to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;* as it was in the beginning is now: and will be for ever. Amen.

Let us pray. (Silence)

Almighty and merciful God, through your well beloved Son Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords, you have willed to make all things new: Grant that we may be renewed by your Holy Spirit, and may come at last to that heavenly country where your people hunger and thirst no more, and the tears are wiped away from every eye; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE COVENANT (all stand)

Collect for Covenant: God of Grace, through the mediation of your Son, you call us into a new covenant. Help us therefore to draw near with faith and join ourselves in a perpetual covenant with You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preparation for the Covenant

Minister: God made a Covenant with the people of Israel, calling them to be a holy nation, chosen to bear witness to his steadfast love by finding delight in the law. The covenant was renewed in Jesus Christ our Lord, in his life, work, death and resurrection. In him all people may be set free from in and its power and united in love and obedience. In this covenant God promises us new life in Christ: For our part we promise to live no longer for ourselves but for God. We meet, therefore, as generations have met before us, to renew the covenant which bound them and binds us to God. Let us then seek forgiveness of the sin by which we have denied God's claim upon us.

The Litany of Penitence (all seated)

BCP 217

Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

Leader: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not loved ourselves as we ought. We have not forgiven others, as we desire to be forgiven. We have not forgiven ourselves as we have been forgiven. R. Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit, *Have mercy on us, Lord*.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives, *We confess to you, Lord*.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves, We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work, *We confess to you*, *Lord*.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us, *We confess to you, Lord.*Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, *Accept our repentance, Lord*.

For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours, and for our prejudice and contempt towards those who differ from us, *Accept our repentance*, *Lord*.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, *Accept our repentance*, *Lord*.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us; Favourably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation, *That we may show forth your glory in the world*.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord, Bring us with all your saints to the joy of His resurrection.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may tum from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to His ministers to declare and pronounce to His people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe His holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech Him to grant us true repentance and His Holy Spirit, that those things may please Him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to His eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Call to Commitment

Minister: Beloved in Christ, let us claim for ourselves this covenant that God has made with his people, and take upon us the yoke of Christ. Therefore, let us make this covenant of God our own. Let us give ourselves to him, trusting in his promises and relying on his grace.

The Prayer of Commitment (all standing)

All: Lord God, holy Father, since you have called us through Christ to share in this gracious covenant, we take upon ourselves with joy the yoke of obedience and for love of you, engage ourselves to seek and do your perfect will. We are no longer our own, but yours.

I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will, put me to doing, put me to suffering, let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you, exalted for you, or brought low for you; let me be full or let me be empty; let me have all things, or let me have nothing. I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.

I humbly affirm before your glorious majesty that it is the firm resolution of my heart to forsake all that is dear unto me in this world, rather than to turn from you to the ways of sin. I will watch against all its temptations, whether of prosperity or adversity, least they should with draw my heart from you. And if I falter you will reveal it to me and help me put it right.

And I do here covenant with you to take my lot, as it falls, with you and by Your grace to take my risk with you, purposing that neither life nor death shall part between You and me.

And now, O Glorious and Blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are mine, and I am yours, so be it. And the Covenant which I have made on earth let it be ratified in heaven. **Amen.**

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

alone are the Lord: you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT: Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

(The congregation sits for the readings)

THE FIRST READING: A READING FROM THE WORD OF GOD WRITTEN IN NUMBERS

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 8 BCP, 447

- 1 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children * your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, * to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, * the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? * the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; * you adorn him with glory and honour;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; * you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, * even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, * and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted is your Name in all the world!

THE EPISTLE: A READING FROM THE WORD OF GOD WRITTEN IN PHILIPPIANS

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands for the sequence hymn

Sequence Hymn: 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, believer; 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*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: THE ALLELUIA CHORUS

ALL stand for the Gospel

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 2:15-21

THE DEACON OF THE MASS

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. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

LUCAS 2:15-21

Cuando los ángeles regresaron al cielo, los pastores se dijeron unos a otros: «¡Vayamos a Belén! Veamos esto que ha sucedido y que el Señor nos anunció». Fueron de prisa a la aldea y encontraron a María y a José. Y allí estaba el niño, acostado en el pesebre. Después de verlo, los pastores contaron a todos lo que había sucedido y lo que el ángel les había dicho acerca del niño. Todos los que escucharon el relato de los pastores quedaron asombrados, pero María guardaba todas estas cosas en el corazón y pensaba en ellas con frecuencia. Los pastores regresaron a sus rebaños, glorificando y alabando a Dios por lo que habían visto y oído. Todo sucedió tal como el ángel les había dicho. Ocho días después, cuando el bebé fue circuncidado, le pusieron por nombre Jesús, el nombre que había dado el ángel aun antes de que el niño fuera concebido.

El Evangelio del Señor.

Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.

THE SERMON

(Everyone stands for the Creed and the Prayers)

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen or unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died and was buried. On the third day He rose again in fulfilment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS: Form C BCP, 108

We Pray For:

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

THE PROVINCE: We pray for The Most Rev Philip Wright, Archbishop and the Diocese of Belize

THE DIOCESE: The Rt. Rev Claude Berkley, Diocesan Bishop. The Parish of St. Mary, Tacarigua, The Rev Dr. Anderson Maxwell, priest in charge, The Rev Danielle Pontiflet-Andre, assistant curate, The Rev Carl Scipio and The Rev Marc Haynes, deacons. St. Mary's Children's Home, Bishop Anstey/Trinity College East and Sixth Form (BATCE); The Rev Beverley Hoyte (Chaplin St. Mary's Children's Home); and Diocesan Seminarians: Maia Williams and Tishonne Francis.

THE PARISH: The Clergy, Youth Group, Servers, Sunday School, TAGS, the Congregation, schools and communities within our parish boundaries, the City Corporation, and the Mayor of Port of Spain.

THOSE PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS:

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Confirmation: Niasha Joefield, Ahnaldo Darmaine, Chazaiah Cedeno, Ciara Clarke, Hadiyah & 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, Fayola Cox, Khadelia Andrews, Nare Carrington, Janae Dick, Sarai Sterling, Soraya Baksh, Jean-Paul Barrimond, Ahzai Sterling.

Marriage: Suresh & Gemma Balliram; Maria Derrick and Keston Derrick, Marcus Edwards and Simone Edwards

Recently Departed: Rupert Antoine, Deacon Keston McCletchie, Deacon Stephen Rewan, Lucille Mair, Rosetta Regis, Philip Hill, Deacon Patricia Dyer, Dean Otis Nichols, Canon John Rohim, Ian Gibson, Lennox Akan, Christopher Wint, Jacqueline Dickerson, Nicole Clark-Martin, Jacqueline Yorke, Angela Mendoza. Anniversary of Death: Rosalynd Philip 1st and Arlette Lewis 5th. May they rest in peace

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS: Form C **BCP, 108**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Silence may be kept.

ALL: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people in the multitude of your mercies. Look with compassion on us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious 0 Lord of love, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

THE SICK, HOMEBOUND, THE DISTRESSED OR THOSE IN TROUBLE

Amount Valley	Gertrude Roberts	Valarie Baptiste
Amryl Kellar	Gerrade Roberts	valarie Dapusie
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	Jean Cadogan	Mertie Dash
Brendon Taylor	Jenifer Dick	Michele Clavery
Carole Clyne	Jennifer Francis	Mr. & Mrs. Doyle

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Celia Jack Charles Sutherland Che Bernard Christine Davis **David Thomas** Doreen Bayley Eastlyn Brathwaite Eileen Alphonse Eileen Cuffy Eileen Staple Esmie Bruce Esther Marie Jones-Moore

Florencia Maharaj Patrick Mikhail Roberts

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Julianna Amarali Myrtle Gomes Keith Dick Neila Tidd Nolder Pierre Wesley Phillip Kizzy David Yolande Gooding Sylma Smith Akesha Edwards The Rev Canon Ronald Branche Mona Charles Ulric Munroe Norma James Pearl Darmanie Olga Went Reomero Roopsingh Otis Boxhill Rev. Cheryl Mottley Simone Bailey Patricia Thomas-Williams Norma Lewis

Wendell John Rev. Agnes Bacchus Yolanda Drayton Rev. Mervyn Richardson

> 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 Let us walk with each other And let it begin with me In perfect harmony. Let There Be Peace on Earth Let peace begin with me, The peace that was meant to be Let this be the moment now. With God as our Father With ev'ry step I take, Children all are we 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 # 94 Father, let me dedicate

Father, let me dedicate all this year to thee, in whatever worldly state thou wilt have me be: not from sorrow, pain or care freedom dare I claim; this alone shall be my prayer,

glorify thy name.

Can a child presume to choose where or how to live? Can a Father's love refuse

all the best to give? More thou givest every day than the best can claim, nor withholdest aught that may glorify thy name.

If in mercy thou wilt spare joys that yet are mine; if on life, serene and fair, brighter rays may shine; let my glad heart, while it sings,

thee in all proclaim,

and, whate'er the future brings, glorify thy name.

If thou callest to the cross, and its shadow come, turning all my gain to loss, shrouding heart and home; let me think how thy dear Son to his glory came, and in deepest woe pray on,

'glorify thy name.

CPWI # 95 The year is gone, beyond recall

The year is gone, beyond recall, with all its hopes and fears,

with all its bright and gladdening smiles,

with all its mourners' tears;

thy thankful people praise thee, Lord, for countless gifts received; and pray for grace to keep the which Saints of old believed.

To thee we come, O gracious Lord, the new-born year to bless; defend our land from pestilence; give peace and plenteousness;

forgive this nation's many sins; the growth of vice restrain; and help us all with sin to strive, and crowns of life to gain.

From evil deeds that stain the we now desire to flee; and pray that future years may be spent, good Lord, for thee.

O Father, let thy watchful eye still look on us in love, that we may praise thee, year by with angel-hosts above.

All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son, all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, while endless ages run.

Form B The Offertory Prayer:

BCP, 126 Everyone stands

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 sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in Him of eternal life; that when He shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold His appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angles and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Form D BCP, 140

PRESIDENT: All glory, praise, and thanksgiving be unto you, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, you created the world and all mankind, and of your tender mercy gave your only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon Him, and to suffer death upon the cross, for our redemption. He made there, by His own oblation of Himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and He instituted, and in His holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of His precious death, until His coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech you; and be pleased to accept, bless and sanctify these gifts and creatures of bread and wine, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. For, 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". And after supper He took the cup of wine: and when He had given thanks, He

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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: In faith we acclaim You, O Christ

ALL: Dying You destroyed our death; Rising You restored our life; Christ Jesus, come in glory.

Now therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we your servants with all your holy people, having in remembrance the blessed passion, mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension of your beloved Son, do offer unto your Divine Majesty this Bread of eternal life and this Cup of everlasting salvation, rendering thanks to you for the wonderful redemption which you have made possible for us in Him. And we beseech you O Father, to accept upon your heavenly altar this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and to grant that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in His blood, we and all your whole Church may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of His passion. And we pray that by the power of your Holy Spirit all who shall be partakers of this holy Communion may be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction and be numbered in the glorious company of your Saints. And here we offer and present unto you O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice. And although we are unworthy to off er unto you any sacrifice, yet we beseech you to accept this, our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits but pardoning our offenses; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto you, O Father Almighty, throughout all ages, world without end. ALL: Amen.

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

Everyone stands

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRESIDENT: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

PRESIDENT: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

ALL: Our souls will feast and be satisfied and we will sing glad songs of praise to Him.

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

What child is this, who, laid to

While shepherds watch are

keeping?

The Babe, the Son of Mary!

On Mary's lap is sleeping

Whom angels greet with anthems

Whom shepherds guard and where ox and ass are feeding?

sweet

What child is this, who, laid to

While shepherds watch are

Keeping?

The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate

Whom shepherds guard and where ox and ass are feeding?

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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 # 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 and to the earth it gave great light,

and so it continued both day and night. Refrain And by the light of that same three Wise Men came from country far; to seek for a king was their 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 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 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 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 # 311 God is working his purpose out

God is working his I purpose out as I year succeeds to I year, God is working his I purpose out and the I time is drawing I near; nearer and nearer I draws the time, the I time that shall surely be, I when the I earth shall be filled with the I glory of God as the I waters cover the I sea.!

From I utmost east to I utmost west wher- I e'er

man's foot hath I trod, I by the I mouth of many I messengers goes I forth the voice of I God, I 'Give I ear to me, ye I continents, ye I isles, give ear to I me, I that the I earth may be filled with the I glory of God as the I waters cover the I sea.'

What can we do to I work God's work, to I prosper and in I crease

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the I brotherhood of | all mankind, the I reign of the Prince of I Peace? What can we do to I hasten the time, the I time that shall surely I be, when the I earth shall be filled with the I glory of God as the I waters cover the I sea?

March we forth in the I strength of God with the I banner of Christ un- I furled, that the I light of the glorious I Gospel of truth may I shine throughout the I world. Fight we the fight with I sorrow and sin, to I set their captives I free, that the I earth may be filled with the I glory of God as the I waters cover the I sea.

All we can do is I nothing worth un-|less God blesses the I deed; vainly we hope for the I harvest-tide till I God gives life to the I seed; yet I nearer and nearer I draws the time, the I time that shall surely I be, when the I earth shall be filled with the I glory of God as the I waters cover the I sea.

Auld Lang Syne

Should old acquaintance be	And surely, I'll buy mine!	Should old acquaintance be
forgot	We'll take a cup of kindness yet	forgot
And never brought to mind?	For the sake of auld lang syne	For the sake of auld lang syne?
Should old acquaintance be		
forgot	We two who've paddled in the	For old acquaintance be forgot
In the days of auld lang syne?	stream	And never brought to mind
	From morning sun 'til night	Should old acquaintance be
For auld lang syne, my dear	The seas between us roared and	forgot
For auld lang syne	swelled	In the days of auld lang syne?
We'll drink a cup of kindness yet	Since the days of auld lang syne	
For the sake of auld lang syne		For auld lang syne, my dear
	For old acquaintance be forgot	For auld lang syne
And surely, you will buy your	And never brought to mind	We'll drink a cup of kindness yet
cup		For the sake of auld lang syne

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

GENERAL PARISH NOTICES

- + Many thanks for your support in 2025. I look forward to continued ministry and stewardship in 2026. Dean.
- + **DIOCESAN CALENDARS:** are now available from the Parish Office or Ushers. Cost \$30.00
- + MINISTRIES RESUME: All ministries resume their regular meetings from the 2nd Week of January.
- + <u>Information for the Bulletin:</u> ALL entries or requests <u>must</u> be forwarded to the Parish Office via <u>parishsec@htctt.org</u> or <u>623-7271 Ext 2000</u> on or before Wednesday 2pm of the week of publication.
- + <u>ANGLICAN PRAYER BEADS</u>: 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.

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+ <u>REDEEM COTTON NOTES</u>: 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.

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

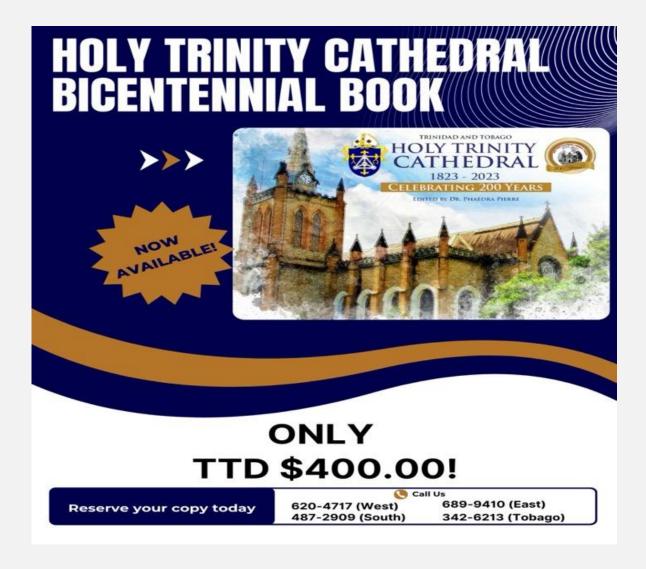
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JANUARY MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES:

02 nd	Worship Preparation Session
06^{th}	12:00pm Epiphany celebration – HTC Chapel
	5:30pm NWRC Meeting – Virtual
9 th	6:00pm Worship Preparation Meeting – HTC Chapel
11 th	2:00pm Basic Counselling Training for Laity – HTC Chapel
16 th	6:00pm Worship Preparation Session – HTC Chapel
20^{th}	5:30pm Vestry Meeting – Virtual



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+ 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 DECION CURRY OUR FUNDA HERD, From James 10th February 4th 2026, Manday

+ 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.









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 Will resume January 12, 2026 Prayer Group Will resume January 15, 2026

Bible Study - In person at the Parish Chapel

DIVINE OFFICE READINGS

DATE	MORNING	EVENING
SUNDAY 28 TH First Sunday after Christmas Day (The Holy Innocents)	 ± Psalms 93, 96 ± 1 Samuel 1:1-2, 7b-28 ± Luke 2:22-40 	± Psalms 34 ± Isaiah 62:6-7, 10-12 ± Colossians 1:9-20
MONDAY 29 TH Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1170	Psalms 2,26Isaiah 49:13-23Matthew 18:1-14	Psalms 19, 126Isaiah 54:1-13Mark 10:13-16
TUESDAY 30 TH	 ± Psalms 20,21:1-7(8-14) ± 1 Kings 17:17-24 ± John 4:46-54 	± Psalms 23,27 ± Isaiah 25:1-9 3 John 1-15
WEDNESDAY 31 ST	 Psalms 46, 48 1 Kings 3:5-14 James 4:13-17; 5:7-11 John 5:1-15 	 Eve of the Holy Name Psalm 90 Isaiah 65:15b-25 Revelation 21:1-6 Collect for the Holy Name
THURSDAY 1 ST The Naming of Jesus	 ± Psalm 103 ± Isaiah 62:1-5, 10-12 ± Matthew 1:18-25 	± Psalm 148 ± Genesis 12:17:1-12a, 15-16 ± Revelation 19:11-16
FRIDAY 2 ND Basil the Great, 379 and Gregory of Nazianzus, 389, Bishops and Teachers.	Psalm 341 Kings 19:1-8John 6:1-14	 Psalm 33 Genesis 12:1-7 Ephesians 4:1-16
SATURDAY 3 RD	 ± Psalm 68 ± 1 Kings 19:9-18 ± John 6:15-27 	± Psalm 136 ± Genesis 28:10-22 ± Ephesians 4:17-32 Collect of the Second Sunday after Christmas

LITURGY OF THE WORD READINGS

(Weekends)

EUCHARIST READINGS FOR SUNDAY January 04, 2025

The Second Sunday after Christmas — Year A

± 1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm: 84

± 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a Gospel: 2:13-15,19-23